Canis
-THE SPEAKER-

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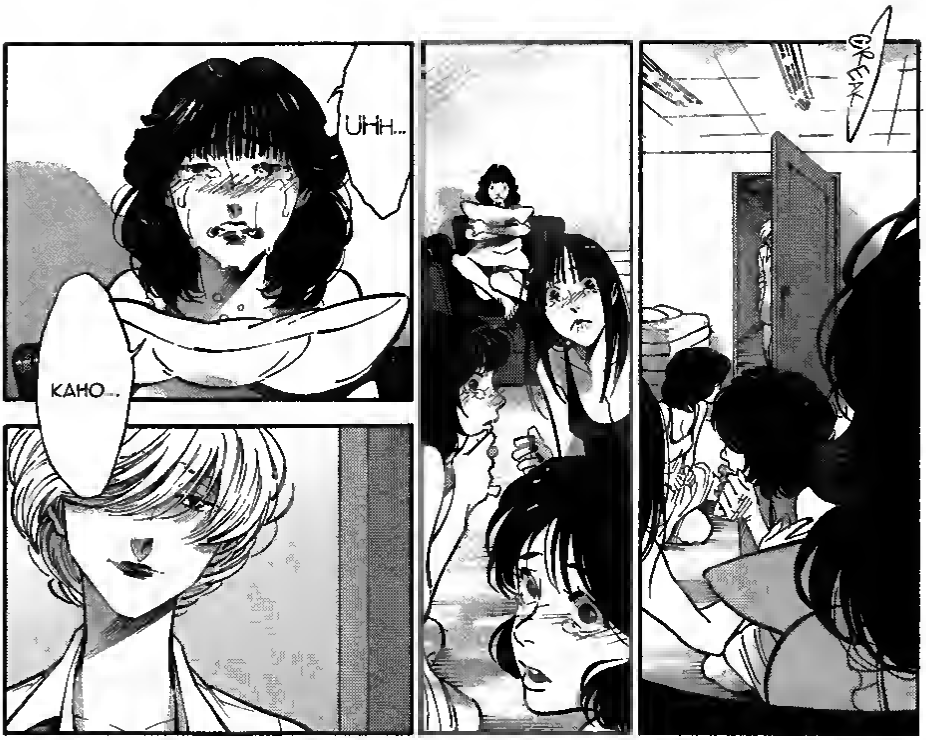
After being taken from the orphanage, what awaited Tadanobu in Japan was prostitution and violence. At a certain shop, he began to accept the violence of troubled customers, but even then the ones to soothe his heart were Sam and Hal.

JUST HOW TALL ARE YOU NOW?
YOU...
TA-DA-NO-BU~
SONY
...
WHAT'RE YA GOING TO DO IF YOU START TOWERING OVER OUR CUSTOMERS?
THAT'S WHY BOYS ARE .
YOU'RE HUGE! WAY TOO BIG.
ABOUT 180 CM .

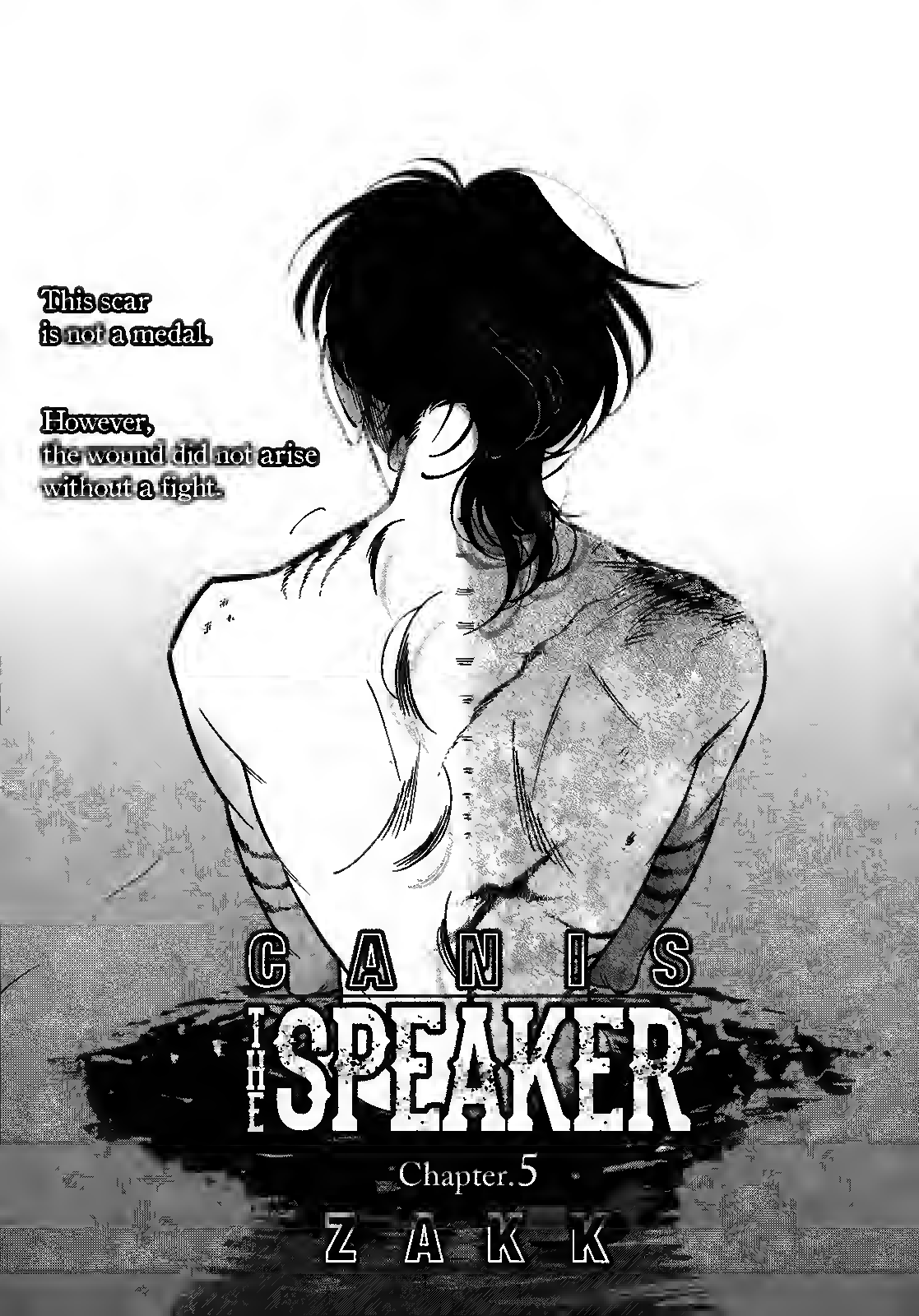
HUH?
I DON'T THINK THAT'LL BE NECESSARY.
AHH...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SELL YA UNLESS THEY'RE INTO THOSE THINGS
I NEED TO SET UP ANOTHER ARRANGE-MENT...

I CAN'T BELIEVE...
THIS STORE IS CLOSING...
YOU'RE LYING...

MAYBE... I'LL JUST RETURN HOME...
IDIOT! DON'T SAY THAT!
THEY'LL ERASE YOUR FAMILY IF YOU DO THAT!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US?
DOES THAT MEAN WE CAN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE?
IT'S POSSIBLE THEY'LL TRANSFER US TO THE MAIN STORE
I HEARD THE MAIN STORE IS TURNING INTO A BAR..
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE..
But-but...
DID YOU FORGET THAT?
THE FACT THAT WE'RE HERE ALREADY MAKES US DIFFERENT FROM THOSE GIRLS AT THE OTHER STORE
IT'D BE HORRIBLE IF I LEAVE AZAMI-SAN'S CONTROL AND FALL INTO TANIOKA'S...
WHAT SHOULD I DO... THEY MIGHT SEND ME SOMEWHERE I'VE NEVER HEARD OF...


UHH...
KAHO...
CREAK

COME HERE.
I'LL CUT YOUR HAIR
NOBU.


This scar
is not a medal.
However,
the wound did not arise
without a fight.
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IT SEEMS TANIOKA IS PLANNING ON EVENTUALLY CLOSING THE STORE.
I SAW IT COMING, BUT...
I THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED SOONER...
ME TOO...
HOW SHOULD I CUT THE BACK?
IF IT'S BOTHERING YOU...
I'LL LEAVE IT LONG.
I LIKE IT BETTER THAT WAY.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PRAYING FOR THIS PLACE TO CLOSE...
ESPECIALLY...
BEFORE YOU CAME, NOBU.
CRASH
TANI-OKA-SAN!
STOP THIS VIOLENCE...!
KYOU-SAN...
THIS IS JUST A MATTER OF BUSINESS...

WHAT ARE YOU...
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT EVERY-ONE.
BUT WE CAN SACRIFICE AT LEAST TWO GIRLS FOR THOSE KINDS OF HOBBIES...
CUSTOM-ERS FORK UP A LOT OF MONEY TO COME HERE.
IF WE AREN'T ABLE TO PROVIDE
ANY TYPE OF SERVICE TO ANY KIND OF CUSTOMER...
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CALL OURSELVES A LUXURY STORE, WILL WE?
JLAP!

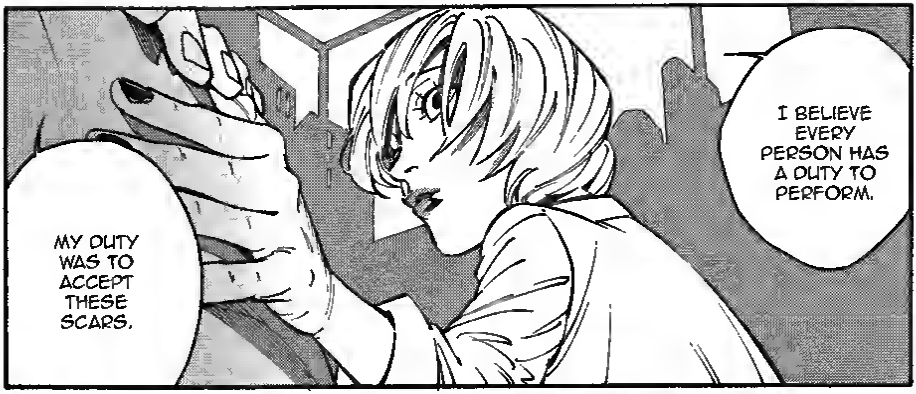
SWISH

.....
No.....
AH.
AZAMI-SAN BROUGHT HIM HERE
WHO'S THE KID?
HUH...
AZAMI DID?
You want me to Stop?
No!
Hand.

...
I SEE...
NOD....
THEN YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERY-THING.
TO TELL THE TRUTH...
AT THAT MOMENT I THOUGHT I'M SAVED

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD ESCAPE WHEN THE TIME CAME.
TANIOKA COULDN'T DIRECT THAT VIOLENCE... TOWARDS KAHO OR THE OTHER GIRLS ANYMORE.
THEY'RE SHOULDERING THE WEIGHT OF DEBT.
EVERYONE HERE IS SHACKLED BY CHAINS CALLED "FAMILY".
BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT, I ALSO BECAME SHACKLED.
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BECOME A STRENGTH...
BUT US TWO DON'T HAVE ANY OF THAT. WE COULD'VE ESCAPED AT ANY TIME.
ALONG THE WAY I COULDN'T LEAVE EVERYONE ALONE EITHER...
NOBU, YOU'RE STRONGER ... AND KINDER THAN I EVER IMAGINED...

SOMETIMES IT'S HOPELESS EVEN IF YOU ARE ALLOWED TO SPEAK
AZAMI KNEW..
WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY ANY-THING...
IT DISGUSTS ME. IT'S AS IF EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO THAT MAN'S PLANS..
ARE YOU SAYING...
NOTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THESE WOUNDS?


I BELIEVE EVERY PERSON HAS A DUTY TO PERFORM.
MY DUTY WAS TO ACCEPT THESE SCARS.

NAHO, I KNEW YOU WERE ALWAYS TRYING...
TO SAVE ME.
THANK YOU.

I'M...
SORRY
I WASN'T ABLE TO PROTECT YOU...
I'M SORRY, NOBU!

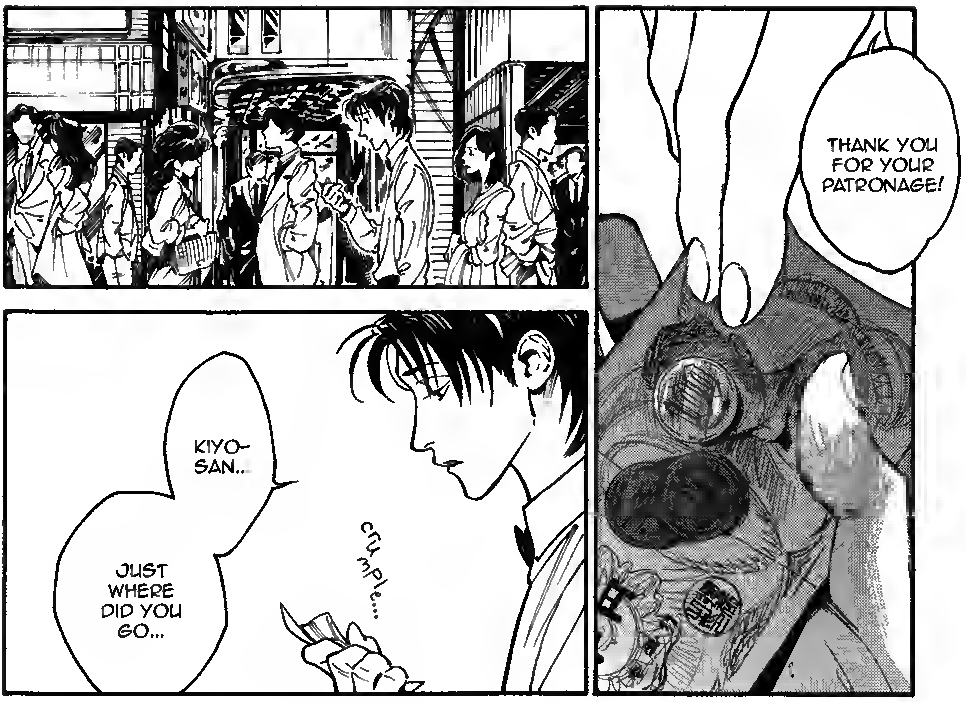
It was later changed into a dining bar.
One month later the Soap Land closed down.

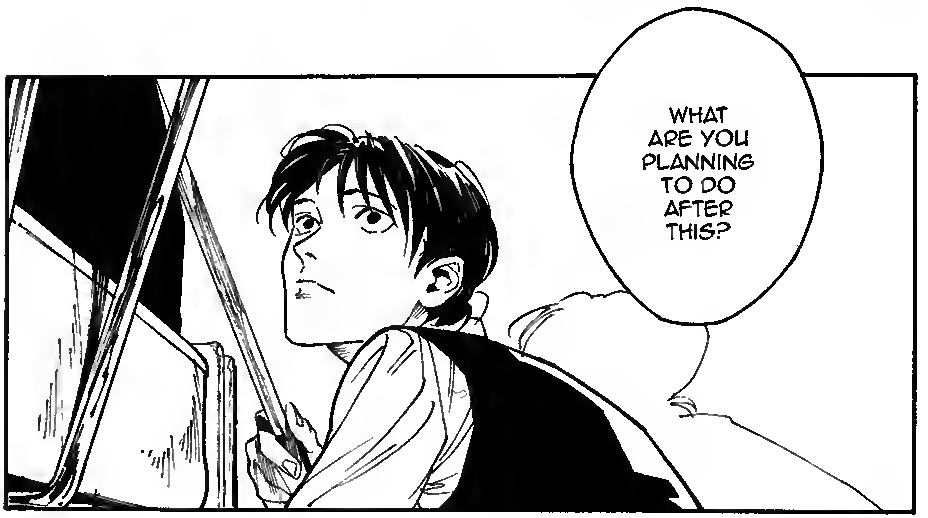
The name of this businessman was Kato Tsugumasa.

A businessman working in the nightlife industry...
decided to buy all the girls from the shop for his new store in Ginza.
He struck a deal with Azami.

this "Kato-san's" wife.
Naho became...

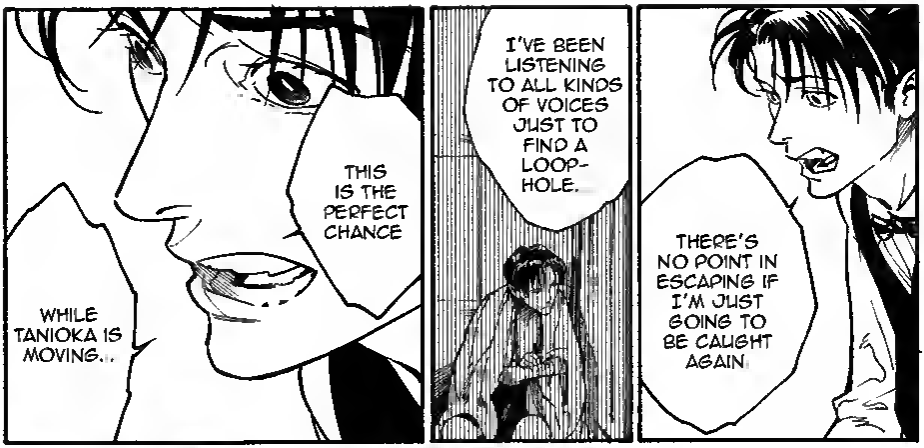
HMM.. I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THE STORE CLOSED.
I HAVEN'T RUN INTO MASUDA-SAN EITHER.
OH.. I SEE.
KIYO-SAN?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DID YOU BUY THE SUPPLIES YET?
AH.
NOT YET...
EH?!
GIVE ME A BREAK. I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BE YELLED AT AFTER ALL.
..I'M SORRY
I'LL GO RIGHT AWAY.

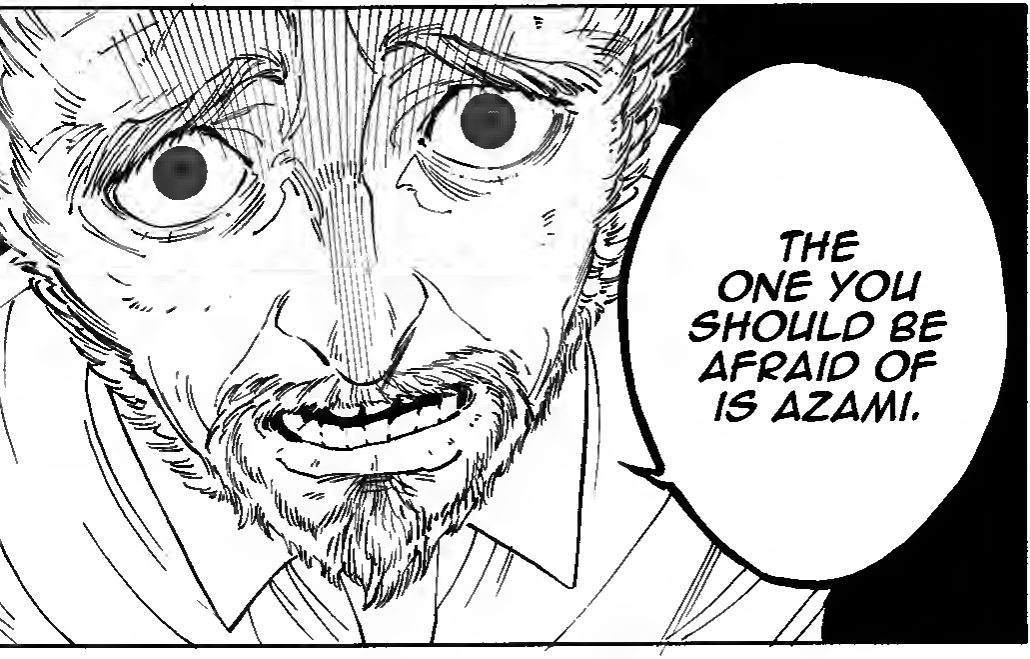

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE!
KIYO-SAN...
JUST WHERE DID YOU GO...
crumple...


WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO AFTER THIS?

...
GIVE YOU AT LEAST A SMALL SALARY?
DO THEY..
FOR NOW, I'VE BEEN TOLD TO WORK AT THIS BAR AS A WAITER.
I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE WARE-HOUSE...
THEY ARE GIVING YOU FOOD AND A PLACE TO SLEEP IN ORDER TO TIE YOU DOWN
YOU'RE BETTER OFF WORKING AT ANOTHER PLACE.
AND EARNING MONEY FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.
TADANOBU-KUN..
IF YOU PLAN TO ESCAPE, NOW IS THE TIME.

DON'T BECOME THEIR PET DOG...
THAT GUY WON'T BE AROUND MUCH LONGER.
THE INFLUX IN PRICES OF REAL ESTATE IN TOKYO IS COMING TO AN END..
SO HE IS MOVING TO KANSAI WITH THE NISHIKAWA GROUP.
I HEARD TANIOKA IS STOPPING DRUG DEALING AND FOCUSING ON LAND SPECULATION.


THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE
WHILE TANIOKA IS MOVING...
I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO ALL KINDS OF VOICES JUST TO FIND A LOOP-HOLE.
THERE'S NO POINT IN ESCAPING IF I'M JUST GOING TO BE CAUGHT AGAIN.

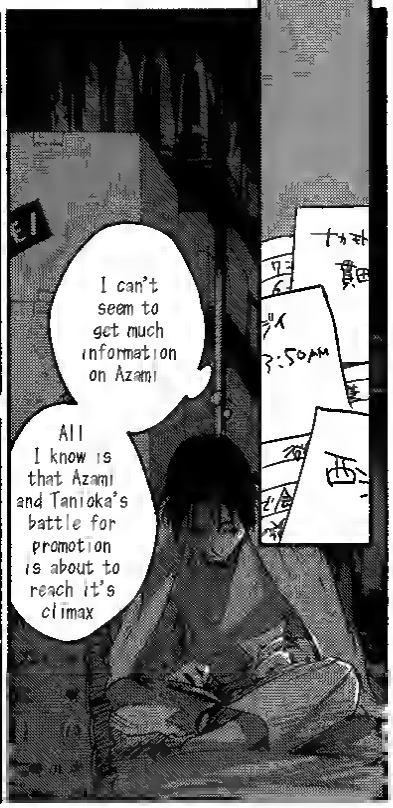

THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE AFRAID OF IS AZAMI.

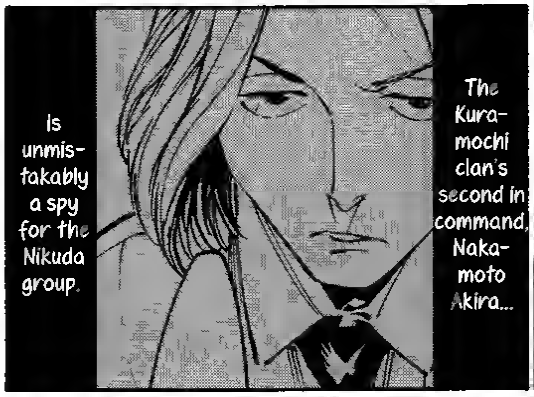
EH?

NAHO TOLD ME THAT MAN ISN'T IN JAPAN RIGHT NOW...
WHILE AZAMI IS AWAY...
NOW *IS* THE CHANCE...
TANIOKA IS THE ONE WHO'S TAKING CAUTION.
KIYO-SAN. .
WHAT WILL YOU DO FROM HERE ON?
AHH... DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
I'VE ALREADY GOT A NEW JOB PICKED OUT.
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT "HERE".

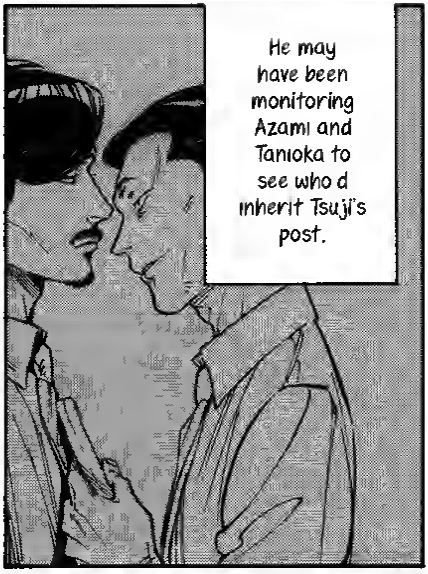
KIYO-SAN.
WHY DON'T YOU RUN AWAY WITH ME?
I ALREADY KNOW AZAMI IS OFTEN OUT OF JAPAN.
AFTER TANIOKA LEAVES...
AZAMI'S MOVEMENTS WILL BECOME MORE OBVIOUS...
AND BOTH OF THEM WILL BE ON DIFFERENT SOIL.

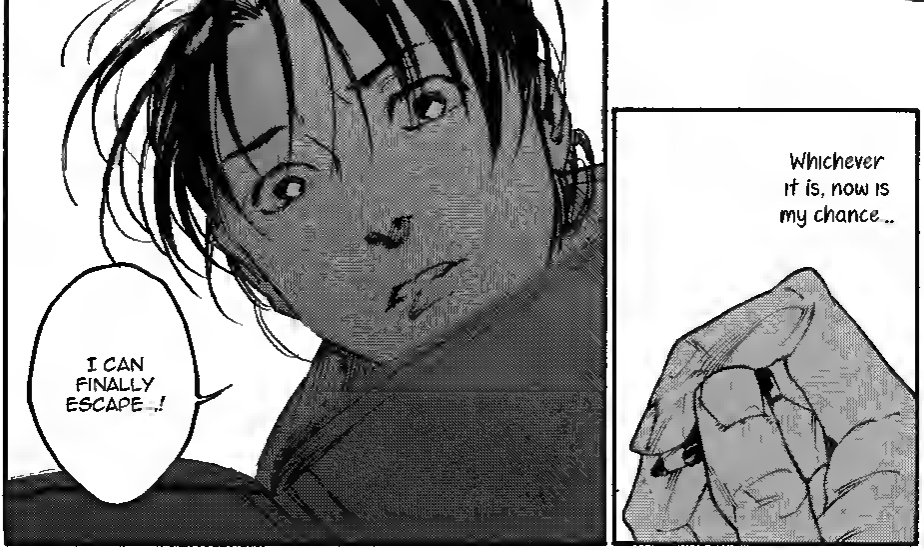
Tsuji later passed away at the end of last year.
The leader of the Kuramochi clan, Tsuji, became ill and collapsed three years ago.

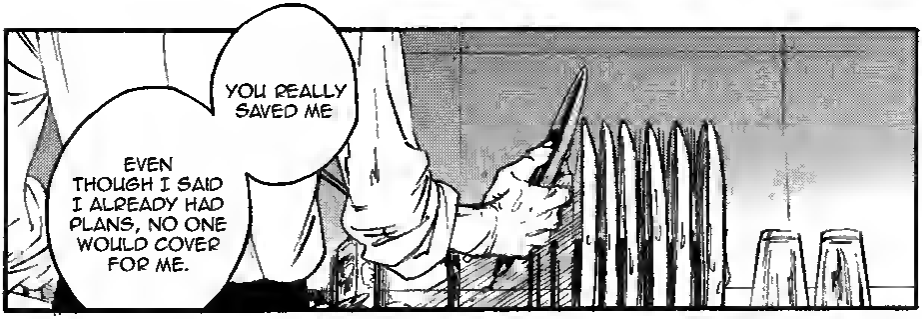

I can't seem to get much information on Azami
All I know is that Azami and Tanioka's battle for promotion is about to reach it's climax

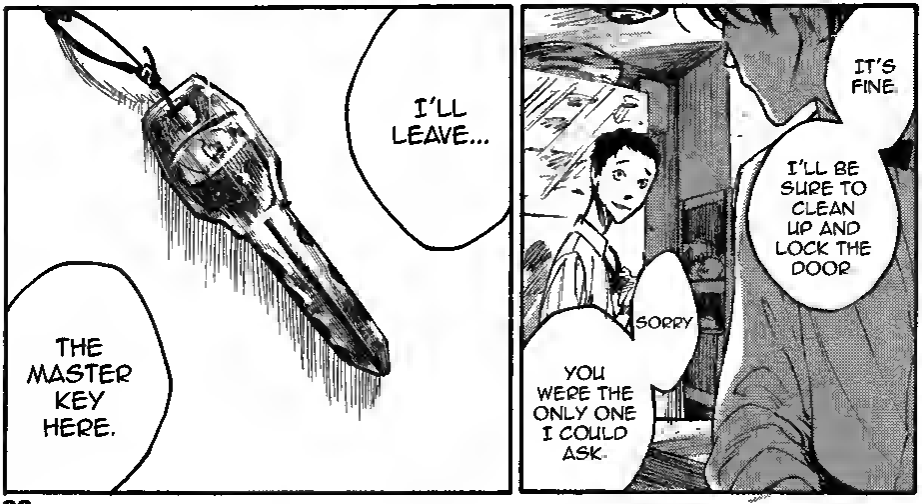

is unmistakably a spy for the Nikuda group.
The Kuramochi clan's second in command, Nakamoto Akira...

Or, following rumors of the Nishikawa group's head family, with whom he had connections with, falling from succession
He may have been looking for a traitor..


He may have been monitoring Azami and Tanioka to see who'd inherit Tsuji's post.


I CAN FINALLY ESCAPE...!
Whichever it is, now is my chance...


YOU REALLY SAVED ME
EVEN THOUGH I SAID I ALREADY HAD PLANS, NO ONE WOULD COVER FOR ME.


I'LL LEAVE...
THE MASTER KEY HERE.
IT'S FINE.
I'LL BE SURE TO CLEAN UP AND LOCK THE DOOR
SORRY
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE I COULD ASK.

Kiyo-san is the only accountant hired by Tanioka...
I doubt he'd be working anywhere else...
Anything's fine...
I just need a clue...
!
STEP STEP STEP
SHUT

KIYO-SAN...?
Wait!
Wait.

Sam!
Hal!
Don't go!
Don't go!
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND!!

I'VE
HIDDEN IT IN THE THIRD AND FIFTH SOFA CUSHION.
GOT IT.
WE'LL MAKE SURE TO SIT THERE TOMORROW.
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
That isn't Kyo-san's voice...
I was wrong...
YOU MORON. I'VE ALSO HAD IT ROUGH.
THINGS WERE A LOT MORE FUN WHEN THIS USED TO BE A SOAP
I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT THE NIGHT SHIFT SINCE IT BECAME A BAR
ESPECIALLY AFTER I WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE FRONT DESK AND REGISTER.

THE...
PEOPLE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT...

KA-KAM!!
!?

THEY'RE KIYO-SAN...
AND MASUDA-SAN, RIGHT?!

I GOT ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHO THEY ARE
SO YOU WERE EAVES-DROP-PING...
JUST WHO ARE YA TALKING ABOUT?
JUST WHERE THOSE TWO PEOPLE...
THEN SHOULD I GO ASK TANIOKA-SAN...
WORKING UNDER HIM WENT?

KNOW YOUR PLACE.
WE'RE THE ONES PROVIDING FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE.
THUD
SHUT
WHAT THE HELL...
IN THE END
IT WAS ALL ABOUT STRENGTH...
It's THE SAME AS THAT TIME!

There is no exit.
Naho knew that.
She found a way to make one with her own hands.

Change myself.

If I want it to change,
first I must...

Waiting won't change the situation.

HA
HA HA.
HA HA HA HA HA...

If I cauld became like thase twa...
I...
Or being assertive like Hal...
Being able ta use my head like Sam...

ARE TOMORROW'S PREPARATIONS DONE?

NOW...
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

ONCE WE'VE SOLD THEM ALL, WE'RE MOVING WEST.
GOT IT?
THE GOAL IS TO SELL THEM QUICKLY, NOT FOR A PROFIT.
IF WE GET A WARNING, SELL A THIRD OF THE DRUGS IN JAPAN ..
YO-
LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE.
AND THE REST IN THAILAND.
WE'VE ALREADY ALLIED OURSELVES WITH THE NISHIKAWA WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
WHAT DO WE DO IF THE NIKUDA GROUP CATCHES ON TO US?
THEY MUST KNOW ABOUT THE DRUGS ALREADY.
I'VE ALREADY DESTROYED THE EVIDENCE ..
NOW WE JUST HAVE TO ERASE HIM.

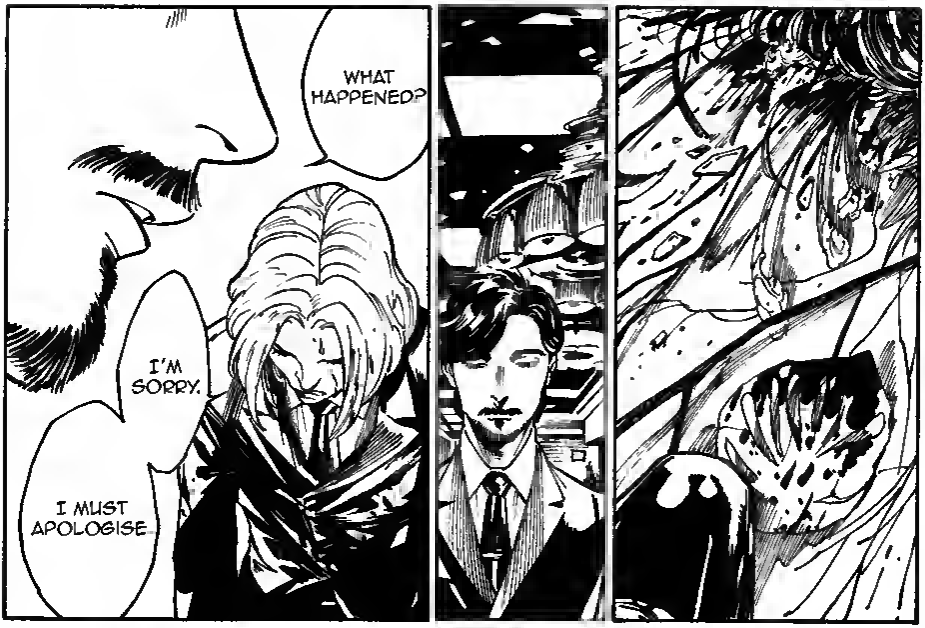
WHERE'S TANIOKA..
WEL-COME...
THE TABLE IN THE BACK.
SORRY, BUT CAN YOU CLOSE SHOP FOR TODAY?
THE AZAMI GROUP IS BEING FORMED
HE'S BEEN PROMOTED TO A NIKUDA EXECUTIVE
TANI-OKA...
ENDS TONIGHT.
...
HAVE YOU DECIDED?

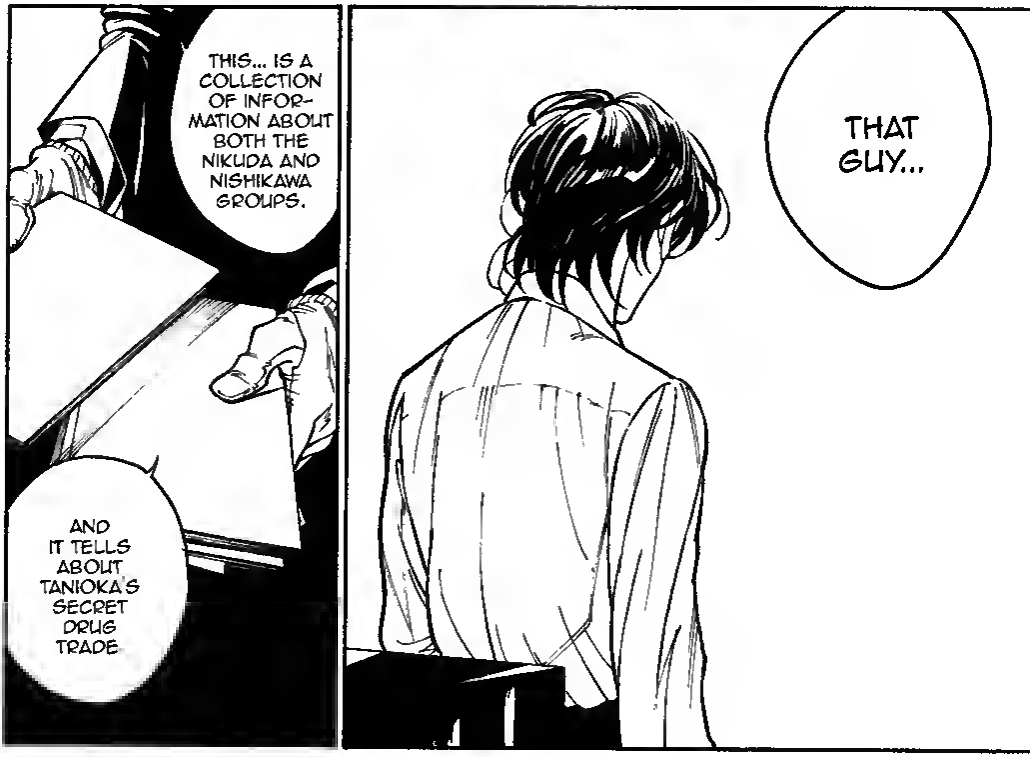
I UNDER-STAND..
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.
LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING A GRAND OL' TIME BACK THERE.
HE LOOKS AS IF HE'S BADMOUTHING AZAMI-SAN.

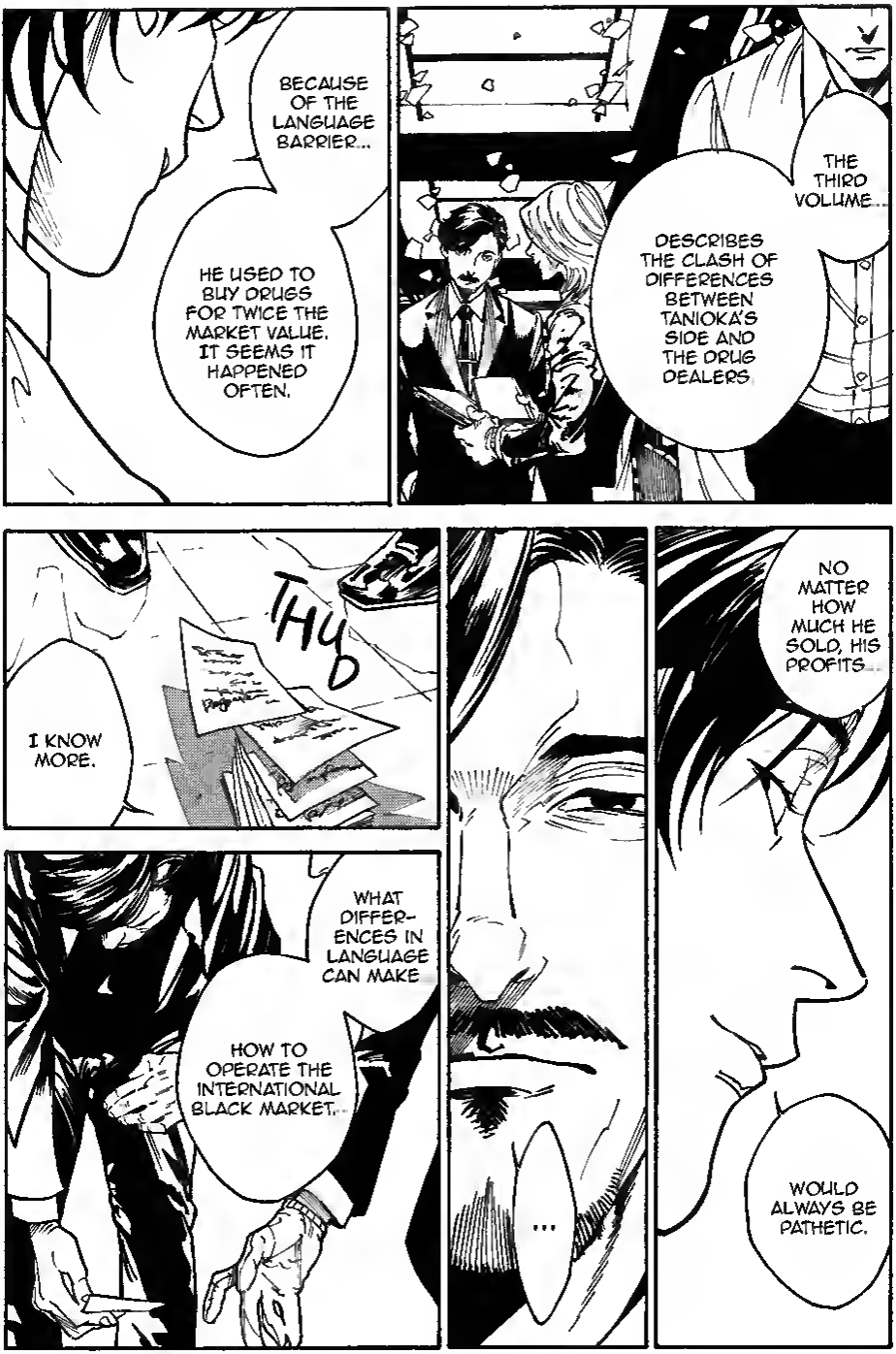
smile
YOU...
...
IF YOU WANT, TRY SOME OF THIS.
ALL THE CUSTO-MERS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME
GOT IT
IF I SILENCE THAT GUY...
WILL YOU GIVE ME SOMETHING EVEN BETTER TO EAT?
HEY.

IT'S ALRIGHT.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY, NOW'S THE CHANCE.
WHAT'RE YOU
I'M SORRY, NAKAMOTO-SAN
HE ISN'T USUALLY
THANKS.
WE CAN AT LEAST LET HIM VENT ALL THE COMPLAINTS HE'S BEEN HOLDING IN.
HE WON'T HURT HIM
IS IT OK TO LET HIM GO?

I WAS JUST THINKING HOW MUCH I WANTED TO SEE YOU.
WHAT'S WRONG?
DID YOU MISS ME?
OH!
TADANOBU!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE~
GRIP
SO MUCH I COULD KNOCK YOU OVER.
YEAH...


WHAT HAPPENED?
I'M SORRY.
I MUST APOLOGISE


THIS... IS A COLLECTION OF INFOR-MATION ABOUT BOTH THE NIKUDA AND NISHIKAWA GROUPS.
AND IT TELLS ABOUT TANIOKA'S SECRET DRUG TRADE
THAT GUY...


BECAUSE OF THE LANGUAGE BARRIER...
HE USED TO BUY DRUGS FOR TWICE THE MARKET VALUE. IT SEEMS IT HAPPENED OFTEN.
THE THIRD VOLUME...
DESCRIBES THE CLASH OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TANIOKA'S SIDE AND THE DRUG DEALERS.
THUD
I KNOW MORE.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE SOLD, HIS PROFITS...
...
WHAT DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE CAN MAKE
HOW TO OPERATE THE INTERNATIONAL BLACK MARKET...
WOULD ALWAYS BE PATHETIC.

AZAMI-SAN...
IF YOU TRULY WANT TO RISE TO THE TOP...
USE ME RIGHT.
THIS IS A TRADE OF MY WORTH.